



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LIEUTENANT COLONEL BRADLY P. BUCHOLZ

Lieutenant Colonel Bradley P. Bucholz is the Commander, 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan. He leads a diverse squadron composed of over 900 military, civilian and local nationals who are responsible for operations and sustainment of over seven billion dollars in real property at 19 operating locations. Lt Col Bucholz oversees Installation Management, Engineering, Operations, Readiness, Emergency Management, Fire and Emergency Services protecting a joint population of 11,750 personnel and its one billion dollar aircraft fleet. He also interfaces with HQ PACAF, HQ 5AF, HQ USFJ, USACE and the Government of Japan to develop and execute a 68 million dollar construction program.

Lieutenant Colonel Bucholz earned his Air Force commission in 2003 from the United States Air Force Academy. He has leadership experience at all level of a Civil Engineering Squadron, Prime BEEF, and RED HORSE. Lt Col Bucholz was an assistant professor of Civil Engineering at the US Air Force Academy. He was selected to the Headquarters Air Force, Director of Civil Engineers staff, Pentagon, where he served as a legislative affairs assistant, policy author, and analyst. Lt Col Bucholz served as Operations Flight Commander at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. Additionally, Lt Col Bucholz



served as the Executive Officer to the J4 Director of Logistics and Engineering, United States Central Command (USCENTCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. He was the principle advisor to the Director on full-spectrum logistics, engineering, contracting, and multi-national logistics related plans, programs, and policies. Lt Col Bucholz led, evaluated, and managed key tasks & critical communications for the 205 person J4 Directorate at three geographically separated locations. Prior to assuming his current position, Lt Col Bucholz was the Commander, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron Ali Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait. He was responsible for 434 military and contract personnel, managing a \$50M budget to sustain 659 facilities and 2 runways, providing engineering for a \$2.8B infrastructure, force protection, and emergency services for the largest logistics operations hub in the Central Command area of operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Bucholz deployed six times (1225 days) to the CENTOM AOR. He deployed to Iraq in 2007 and 2008 as a RED HORSE project engineer. In 2011, Lt Col Bucholz deployed to Afghanistan as the Brigade Mentor to the Commandant of Cadets at the National Military Academy of Afghanistan. He returned to Afghanistan in 2013 as an US Army Corps of Engineers Site Officer in Charge. In 2015, Lt Col Bucholz deployed to the Defense Coordination Element-Kuwait as the Chief of Engineering, Construction and Logistics. In 2018, he returned to Kuwait to command the 386 Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron in Ali Al Salem Air Base. Through his assignments he has supported: Operations IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE, SPARTAN SHIELD, FREEDOM SENTINEL, and DELIBERATE RESOLVE. Lt Col Bucholz is a registered Professional Engineer in the states of Colorado and Virginia.

Lt Col Bucholz is married to Erin Bucholz of Berne, Indiana (2006). They have two sons: John (6) and Matt (5).

EDUCATION

2003 Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, US Air Force Academy, Colo.
2004 Air and Space Basic Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
2008 Master of Science, Civil Engineering, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.
2009 Distinguished Graduate, Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2012 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence
2017 Joint Professional Military Education II, Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va.
2019 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2003 – May 2004, Engineer Programmer, 36th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam.
2. May 2004 – October 2004, Chief of Infrastructure Engineering, 36th Civil Engineering Squadron, Andersen AFB, Guam.
3. October 2004 – October 2005, Chief of Operations Logistics Element, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, Kunsan AFB, Republic of Korea.
4. October 2005 – October 2007, Project Engineer, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev. (March 2007 – October 2007, Project Engineer, 557th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron, Al Asad & FOB Normandy, Iraq)
5. October 2007 – July 2009, Officer in Charge of Creech AFB Construction, 820th RED HORSE Squadron, Nellis AFB, Nev. (August 2008 – April 2009, Project Engineer, 557th Expeditionary RED HORSE Squadron, Ali Air Base & Basra Air Station, Iraq)
6. July 2009 – July 2011, Instructor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dean of Faculty, US Air Force Academy, Colo.
7. July 2011 – July 2012, Assistant Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Dean of Faculty, US Air Force Academy, Colo. (July 2011 – November 2011, Brigade Tactical Department Mentor, NATO Training Command-Afghanistan and Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, Afghanistan)
8. July 2012 – June 2013, Legislative Affairs Program Manager, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
9. June 2013 – July 2014, Strategic Initiatives Program Manager, Headquarters Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C. (September 2013 – January 2014, US Army Corp of Engineers-Herat Resident Office Officer in Charge, Camp Stone & Camp Arena, Afghanistan)
10. July 2014 – July 2016, Operations Flight Commander, 375th Civil Engineering Squadron, Scott AFB, Ill. (September 2015 – March 2016, Chief of Engineering, Construction, and Logistics, Office of Military Cooperation, Kuwait)
11. July 2016 – May 2017, Engineer Staff Officer, US Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla.
12. May 2017 – June 2018, Executive Officer to the J4 Director of Logistics and Engineering, US Central Command, MacDill Fla.
13. June 2018 – June 2019, Commander, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, Ail Al Salem Air Base, Kuwait
14. July 2019 – Present, Commander, 374th Civil Engineering Squadron, Yokota Air Base, Japan

SUMMARY OF JOINT ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 2016 – May 2017, Engineer Staff Officer, Engineering Division, Directorate of Logistics and Engineering, Headquarters US Central Command, MacDill AFB, Fla., as a Major
2. May 2017 – June 2018, Executive Officer to the J4 Director, Logistics and Engineering, Headquarters US Central Command, MacDill Fla., as a Major and Lieutenant Colonel

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters
Joint Service Commendation Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Army Achievement Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Combat Action Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteers Service Medal

2019 Air Force Alison Award for Character and Innovation
2015 & 2019 Wing Sijan Award

2016 Field Grade Officer of the Year for Scott AFB
Squadron Officers School Distinguished Graduate
2x Squadron Company Grade Officer of the Year
2x "Top"/"Outstanding" Instructor of the Year US Air Force Academy)
Aero Space Basic Course "Outstanding Academic Performer"

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant May 28, 2003
First Lieutenant May 28, 2005
Captain May 28, 2007
Major August 1, 2013
Lieutenant Colonel March 1, 2018

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

VFM Member (Darien, IL)
Youth soccer assistant coach (Yokota AB, Japan)
Cub Scout Leader (Yokota AB, Japan)
Led an urban renewal; designing a 23-buildings, \$5.4M lodging complex upgrade. This project saved the Air Force \$7.8M in lifecycle maintenance costs, improved Quality of Life and safety for 100k annual visitors
Led a community center upgrade project. Built food and beverage serving area with attached cold storage. This project improved morale for 4,000 members.

ACCOMPLISHMENT MOST PROUD OF

Graduating from the Air Force Academy, fighting for our freedoms and being part of something that is bigger than myself.

INFLUENCE OF HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE TO ATTAIN EXCELLENCE

I had Mr. Pitman as my technology teacher. He had the most impact on me as a student. He taught me many lessons that I still live by and pass on to all my troops and subordinates. "Why is there always enough time to do something right the second time, but never enough time to do it right the first time." Being in a profession where efficiency and timeliness matter, this has served me well. Giving my all on the first effort has led to rapid promotion and awards among my peers. "We an't making watches." Don't get bogged down in the details of things that don't require detail level work. Additionally, Mr. Pitman was always fair and upfront. You knew what he was thinking and where you stood in his class. I tried to carry that on in my interactions with my subordinates. Lastly, Mr. Pitman had a son who was a medic in Seal Team 6 so he know about the military. When I was accepted to the Air Force Academy I was getting a lot of conflicting guidance. I had scholarships to other schools, BMW wanted me to go into their program, my guidance counselor wanted me to go to U of I...He sat me down and explained to me the opportunity that I had in front of me and that I better not blow it because this is one of those once in a lifetime things.

MESSAGE ENCOURAGE HINSDALE SOUTH STUDENTS

There are a number of topics that would make good messages for high school students coming from someone in the military (Patriotism, Honor, Combat, Duty, etc.) however the most pressing issue that I encounter with the youth coming from high school into the military is their lack of resilience.

Life is bound to going to give you incredible highs and pretty bad lows. The greatest encouragement I can give you is that when you run across those low valleys, you must be resilient. You have to develop the ability to overcome challenges, tragedies, and crisis to bounce back stronger than you were. You don't have to do it alone. Build community, friends and a support network. Talk to someone you trust. Your life has purpose and meaning. It might take you longer to find it than it takes others. Never self-eliminate and always look for ways to make other people's lives better.

(Current as of September 2019)